

Sowela Technical Community College

Master Course Outline

Course Name: English Composition I

Course Number: ENGL 1010

Lecture contact hours: 45

Lab contact hours: 0

Semester Contact Hours: 45

Semester Credit Hours: 3

Catalog Description:

A study of the basic rhetorical modes of English composition with emphasis on prewriting, writing, and revising techniques utilizing correct English grammar, usage, and punctuation.

Prerequisites: English score of at least 18 on the ACT, and equivalent score on the ASSET or COMPASS, “C” or better in DVEN 0093, or permission of the Dean of Instruction.

Co-requisites: None

Required Textbook and Supplies:

Patterns for College Writing, 11th edition, by Laurie G. Kirszner and Stephen R. Mandell, Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2010.

A quality, college-level dictionary

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to

- Apply a variety of strategies to create, shape, and revise an essay.
- Determine the purpose of a writing task.
- Address a specific audience by adapting content and tone.
- Write a specific, unified, restricted thesis statement.
- Write focused and unified paragraphs with a clearly stated or implied topic.
- Write an introduction that grabs the reader’s attention and signals the purpose of the text.
- Develop ideas with specific examples, details, and illustrations.
- Write a conclusion that reinforces the major idea of the essay without merely summarizing.
- Write varied coherent sentences using subordination, coordination, parallelism, and balance.
- Write in standard edited English, free from major lapses in usage, mechanics, and spelling.

Assessment Measures:

5 essays	65% of semester average
(Narration, description, exemplification, process, cause and effect)	
Vocabulary and comprehension quizzes	10% of semester average
Grammar exercises and quizzes	10% of semester average
In-class journal writings	15% of semester average